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Capitol Dome Rehabilitation

Now approaching its 75th year, the Capitol Legislative Building is in need of major rehabilitation. It is the centerpiece of the capitol campus and the functioning center of our representative government.

Exterior work that began in 1998 has prepared the building for major interior rehabilitation and continuing exterior repair, conservation and preservation. The cost of the rehabilitation project will be \$111 million, most of which will come from bonds repaid by dedicated timber revenues and tenant rents for cash elements. Relocation of the offices located in the Legislative Building is scheduled to take place by legislative session, 2005.

For more information on the rehabilitation project, visit:

<http://www.ga.wa.gov/capitol/LEGISRPT/index.html>



Overloaded wiring



Leaky pipes



Eroding surface



Lack of public space

Legislative Committee on Economic Development (LCED)

Understanding Washington State's Role in Promoting International Trade

The LCED was created to provide responsive measures to economic development issues in Washington State and meets between legislative sessions to discuss issues of economic importance to the state. During 2002, the Committee will meet three times from July to November to discuss the role of Washington State in promoting international trade. The locations, dates, and issue areas of the meetings are as follows:

JULY

- State Organization and Promotion of International Trade Promotion and Protocol Activities--Olympia

SEPTEMBER

- Trade Promotion and Washington Agriculture--Wenatchee

NOVEMBER

- Foreign Consuls and International Trade Organizations--Seattle

"It isn't by size that you win or fail; be the best at whatever you are."--MLK, Jr.

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Walla Walla Commencement

Lt. Governor Delivers Commencement Speech and Receives Honorary Doctorate Degree

On June 9th, 2002 Lt. Governor Owen delivered Walla Walla College's commencement speech in honor of the Class of 2002. As a result of his dedicated and extensive work with the community and youth, Lt. Governor Owen was conferred with an honorary doctorate degree from Walla Walla College. The college is a conservative, faith-based institution of higher learning that promotes the moral as well as academic education of its students.

The text of the Lt. Governor's commencement speech, entitled "We've only just begun," is available to view online at his website: <http://www.ltgov.wa.gov/speeches>.

"It is art that *makes* life, makes interest, makes importance, for our consideration and application of these things, and I know of no substitute whatever for the force and beauty of its process." -Henry James, in a letter to HG Wells



Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Arts Commission Executive Director Shirley Tomasi discusses the arts and public service at a recent luncheon



A law enforcement color guard delivers flags to the stage at the Washington State Medal of Honor Ceremony in Olympia

Meet a Staff Member

Juliette Schindler



Juliette Schindler joined the Lieutenant Governor's Office in July 2002 as the International Trade and Relations Coordinator. Juliette recently returned to her home state of Washington from San Francisco where she worked for Hill and Knowlton, Inc. on international and public affairs issues. She has also lived in Washington, D.C. for five years developing expertise in international development through work at the World Bank and a public policy institute. Juliette has also lived in Spain, Moscow and London where she led cross-cultural training sessions for British expatriates. She has a BA from the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington and an MA in International Affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Juliette speaks Spanish and enjoys traveling, hiking, skiing and other outdoor pursuits.

"Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource." *John F. Kennedy*

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

“Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry.”
Franklin Delano Roosevelt



Chief Mino

The Consul General of Peru and Chief Mino of the Ashaninkas in Amazonian Peru discuss education and global change. Chief Mino's visit focused on explaining how computers and the Internet have brought change to his people. Without running water, electricity and other amenities of the “civilized world,” the Ashaninkas have jumped into the 21st century. They are using information communication tools to preserve their history, language, and customs. In addition, they are acquiring education and adapting to the global economy.

Vietnam



The Lt. Governor hosting a discussion with Senator Fraser about trade and the American democratic system with a parliamentary delegation from Vietnam. The meeting was requested as a formal diplomatic visit to further strengthen relations between Washington State and the Republic of Vietnam. Since the historic signing of the Bilateral Trade Agreement opened Vietnam's market to the world in 2000, American companies have been pursuing stronger trade relationships. In 2001, Washington State conducted over \$16.2 million worth of export trade with Vietnam.

Taiwan Flour Millers Association



Director Jack Chiang of the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office and the Sunny Sun of the Taiwan Flour Millers Association (TFMA) discuss a significant purchase of Washington wheat. The TFMA represents all 33 flourmills in Taiwan, and collectively purchases wheat for these mills. They have agreed to purchase 1.7 million metric tons of wheat from the U.S. A portion of this wheat will come from Washington and the Northwest states. The TFMA paid a courtesy visit to the Governor and Lt. Governor while visiting Washington wheat growers.

“He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes, he who does not ask a question is a fool forever.” --Chinese Proverb